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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office communication in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.☒ Petition for Extension of Time☐ Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$410.00 (enclosed).☒ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.☒ No additional claim fee is required.☐ Other:

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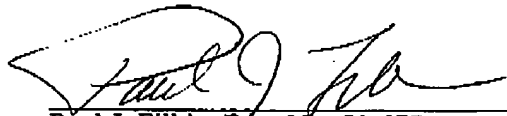
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 11, 2003, applicants submit the following listing of claims as a substitute for the listing of claims submitted with applicants' response dated August 4, 2003. The substitute listing of claims presented herein shows that claim 49 is canceled and sets forth the text of the withdrawn claims 35-39 and 51-53.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 3 of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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